

# The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Incorporating the worshipping communities of:  
St Joseph's Cathedral, St Peter's, St Paul's (Gracemere) & Sacred Heart (Mount Morgan)

21st & 22nd of August 2021  
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Gospel Reflection by Fr Bill Senn

*“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!”*

These words of Simon Peter, friends, in response to Jesus' question to the Twelve regarding the departure of various people from the wider group of disciples; in response to various teachings of Jesus which some found difficult to accept. A conversation begins among them, both the Twelve and the wider group of disciples with the result being that some of the disciples decided to leave the group; and some decided to remain and continue to follow the Lord.

Decisions like this are not usually an easy task. As members of God's holy people through Baptism, we are called to walk together on a *journey of discernment*; a journey of being **open** in our growing towards maturity in Christ. This is the invitation, friends, as brothers and sisters .. in Christ, the One who has the Words of Eternal Life! The One who always walks closely with us on the road, as we place our trust in him.

May we dare to become people who taste, see and experience fully the love and light of the Lord! Amen!

### The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

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*Monday–Friday*  
**9.00am–2.45pm**

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### Parish Clergy

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Bishop Michael McCarthy

**Parish Manager:**  
Gerard Hogan

**Pastoral Volunteer:**  
Margaret Hallinan

**Parish Secretaries:**  
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Noela Walls

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9.30am to avoid  
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**If anointing is needed  
urgently after hours**, to contact  
a priest, phone  
07 3830 5216 where an operator  
will take your message and  
deliver it to a priest as soon as  
possible. Please provide your  
name, address and phone  
number to avoid delay.

### **Baptisms & Marriages**

Bookings are made through the  
Parish Office.

Advance notice and preparation  
are required.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd  
& 4th Sunday of each month after  
9.30am Mass.

## Mass Times

### Monday 23rd August

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

### Tuesday 24th August

*St Bartholomew, apostle*

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Wednesday 25th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Thursday 26th August

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Friday 27th August

*St Monica*

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Saturday 28th August

*St Augustine, bishop, doctor*

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral

9:30am - 10:30am

**Confessions**

### Vigil Masses

Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan

4:00pm

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

### Sunday 29th August

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

### Ordinariate Masses

St Peter's Church, Allenstown

Sunday 9:30am

## Parish Calendar for the Month of August

### Saturday 21 August

*Triple-C Breakfast*

### Sunday 22 August

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

*Baptisms of Billy, Beau, Cohen,*

*Tanner, Oakley, Lucie, Grace,*

*Isabella, Leo, Eleanor, Sylvie &*

*Liliana*

### Monday 23 August

*Stewardship meeting*

### Tuesday 24 August

*Combined Rockhampton Region PPC meeting*

### Wednesday 25 August

*Submissions close for 'Season of Creation'*

## We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:

Gwen Whitehead, Jan Leyden, Pat Ellrott, Julie McDonald, Brian Geaney, Dwight Dellow, Monica Fogarty, Norm Pearce (Gold Coast), Ernie Trevaskis & Terry Molloy

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## Major Earthquake Hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a **7.2 magnitude earthquake**.

**Over 1,400 people have died**, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that **more than 30,000 families have been left homeless**.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

**There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.**

To provide support, you can donate to **Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal**.

**Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.**

## **Stewardship Information Session 23 August 5:30pm, Kevin Castles Centre**

We sincerely thank all those who took the time to complete the recent stewardship survey and invite you to attend a Stewardship Information Session on Monday the 23rd of August 5:30pm at the Kevin Castles Centre to learn more about the next step in the Stewardship process. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word Continues to Grow**

Initially, our amazing team were only able to provide Children's Liturgy of the Word fortnightly due to limited volunteer numbers. However, thanks to an influx of generous volunteers, The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph is proud to announce that Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held every week in September!

Coordinators of Children's Liturgy of the Word were thrilled with the news of more volunteers and said the sudden interest was wonderful.

Despite increasing volunteer numbers we would still be glad to have any person with a desire to help our young people better engage with their faith to join the team by contacting the Office!

## **National Day of Prayer for the Pandemic**

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to united prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

On Sunday 22nd of August 2021 from 9:00am to 9:00pm, the National Day of Prayer and Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call named "Australia Prays", featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.

To register your interest for Australia Prays, please visit the National day of prayer website: <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/>  
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## ***Saint Basil***

*"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."*

## **Safeguarding Sunday 2021 - 12 September 2021**

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph and the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton are committed to care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

## **Rockhampton Musical Union Choir Puts on an Epic Performance!**

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph wishes to sincerely thank the amazing RMU Choir for their incredible performance on Sunday the 15th of August at St Joseph's Cathedral. Music lovers came from far and wide to enjoy the performance and were not disappointed, with many leaving glowing reviews!

We share Bishop Michael's wish to see you back for another performance soon!

# Unleash.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 21 BNE

Australia's most dynamic annual Catholic youth conference is back in 2021 in Brisbane! Get ready for incredible live music, engaging speakers and powerful moments of prayer.

Our diocesan group is organising accommodation and transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Gin Gin, and is open to all young adults and high school students.

**When:** 22nd to 25th of September

**Where:** Mueller College, Redcliffe

**Cost:** \$300 (including accommodation, transport and meals)

For more info or to register with our diocesan group please contact Michael at 0433 897 973 or [youth@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au).



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# KIDS CORNER

## Reflect

All are invited to follow God, but whether or not we accept the invitation is our choice. The Christian life is not always an easy path to follow, but we trust that through our belief in God we will have everlasting life.

It is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus, but if we make that choice we know that we will always be strengthened in the Eucharist.

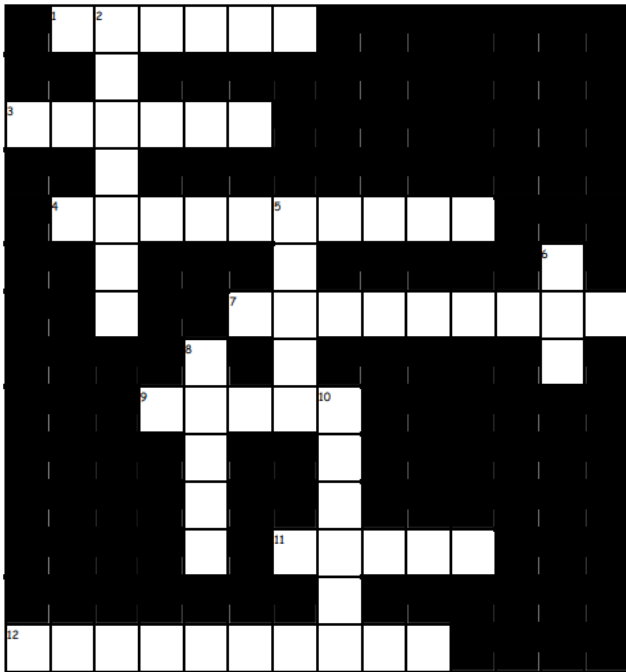


Simon Peter said that Jesus' words give eternal life. Can you think of some other things that Jesus gives us? Write or draw your answers.

## CROSSWORD

### The Lord has the words of everlasting life

Jn 6:60-69



## JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

### The Lord has the words of everlasting life

W T W E L V E R B D M M H O Q  
 U R I T Z J Z O U Y S R G B Z  
 C H S P I R I T Y C V K E E L  
 B E O P G R L W L C K R T T V  
 X U M Q Q G S C F M S Z E R U  
 B E G I N N I N G V P K R A P  
 F X O N E Y D U T J U R N Y G  
 C J S P E A K H U O W S A O A  
 P G U N D E R S T A N D L D M  
 O I A O J P Q W C J H V R A B  
 H D T G K V G X X M O J W Z A  
 Y T G X F E U S U R P V S J C  
 Z J F A I T H Q P X Y R R H K  
 K K D V S I M O N P E T E R S  
 H V O Z X V O B R E A D S T L

## Across

- 1: Jesus knew which disciple was going to do this to him
- 3: Jesus asked the \_\_\_\_\_ disciples if they were going to leave him
- 4: to know what something means is to \_\_\_\_\_ it
- 7: the opposite of end
- 9: many of the disciples could not understand and turned their \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus
- 11: the disciples heard Jesus speak about the \_\_\_\_\_ of life
- 12: this man told Jesus that he was God's Holy One (two words)

## Down

- 2: Simon Peter said to Jesus, 'Your words give \_\_\_\_\_ life!'
- 5: the disciples heard Jesus do this
- 6: the number before two
- 8: Jesus knew from the beginning who would have \_\_\_\_\_ in him
- 10: Jesus said, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ is the one who gives life!'

Jn 6:60-69

Try to find these words:

backs  
 beginning  
 betray  
 bread  
 eternal  
 faith  
 one  
 Simon Peter  
 speak  
 Spirit  
 twelve  
 understand

## Enhancing Music at the Cathedral

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph has been offered a grand piano at a very reasonable price. The piano will be used to enhance the celebration of the liturgy in the Cathedral and enable the Cathedral to become a centre for the performance of sacred music and song – an opportunity for evangelisation and a means for the Church to contribute to the community in a positive way.

If you would like to support the parish in purchasing this instrument your donation would be gratefully received. Donations can be made directly to the Parish Office.

## Weekly Prayer

May the Lord bless the week ahead.  
I pray you will not be overwhelmed or discouraged by its challenges.  
May you find the grace to overcome everything that comes your way.  
Have a blessed week ahead.

## Bereavement Team Meeting

I invite members of the Bereavement Team to a meeting this Thursday 26th of August at 4:00pm at the Cathedral Centre.  
Bishop Michael

## Fr Marcel to Return Home

Bishop Michael announced late last week that Fr Marcel had been called home by the Heralds of the Good News Society.

Fr Marcel has generously served our Diocese, particularly in outreach programs such as prison ministry.

Fr Marcel will be completing his current appointment at the Northside Catholic Community at the end of September.

We thank Fr Marcel for his extraordinary service to our community and we pray for his safe journey home.

## Cathedral Bookshop Updated Hours

The Cathedral Bookshop has expanded its hours and is now trading on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!

The hours for each day are as follows:

Wednesday - 9:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am - 2:00pm

Friday - 9:00am - 4:00pm

New and interesting stock is arriving all the time for the Bookshop!

To see all the good work that Helen and the team have been putting in to our available stock make sure to stop by the Cathedral Bookshop.

## Australia Catholic Bishop's Conference Social Justice Statement Now Available

This year's theme is 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.'

In the statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability.

To read the statement, check out the link below:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

## Season of Creation

Get creative with this year's Season of Creation!

Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN), are requesting the submission of photographs, art works, poetry and written works for Season of Creation. All submissions will be shared on the QCEN Facebook page and may even form part of the yearly exhibit at St John's Cathedral!

This year's theme is "A home for all? Renewing the household of God."

To upload your creations visit [www.fb.com/QCEnvNet](http://www.fb.com/QCEnvNet) or email to [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au).



# Sacraments 2021-2022

*Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith Sacraments 2021-2022*

Calling all families with children who have reached the age of reason (which is seven years of age) to join the preparation journey 2021-2022 towards the celebration of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022. To register please call the Cathedral Centre on 4927 6744.

## Info for Next Round of Dayton University Courses now Available

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet.

Registrations are now open for classes starting on the 22nd of August. There are many wonderful topics available with course lengths ranging from 3 to 6 weeks.

This is an excellent opportunity for further education and formation for all parishioners.

To learn more about the courses on offer, check out the following link:

[https://vlcff.udayton.edu/courses/courses.php?group\\_by\\_track=1](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/courses/courses.php?group_by_track=1)

### This Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua asks the people to renew their promise to serve the Lord always.

#### Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23



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#### Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

St Paul speaks about marriage, obedience and fidelity, love and self-sacrifice.

#### Gospel

John 6:60-69

Jesus, like Joshua, calls for his disciples to remain faithful after some had gone away.

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